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No. T04-0071

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED RULING

Petitioner the City of Rochelle moves the Commission for an expedited ruling in this cause, and in support thereof alleges:

- 1. The petition in this cause, filed October 24, 2004, requested an expedited hearing for the reason that one of the industries to be served by the proposed lead track was a 500,000 square foot warehouse recently constructed by DP Partners, which had a prospective tenant for the warehouse who required possession during the fall of 2004, with rail service in place.
- 2. On information and belief, the prospective tenant referred to was lost because of the absence of rail.



- 3. The amended petition tendered for filing pursuant to the City's motion filed December 10, 2004, requested an expedited hearing for the reason that DP Partners was seeking a prospective tenant for the warehouse, who could be expected to require rail service in place.
- 4. A hearing on this matter was held March 2, 2005, at the conclusion of which the case was submitted.
- 5. By letter dated March 17, 2005, DP Partners has advised the City that it has executed a letter of intent with a prospective tenant, Clark Steel Framing Systems, to lease and occupy in excess of 213,000 square feet of space in the warehouse, commencing July 1, 2005, with a requirement that rail service be in place by that date. A true copy of DP Partners' letter to the City is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 6. In order to provide rail to the warehouse, the City would need to complete only the first phase of its rail extension, which would include all four (4) of the grade crossings. The City believes it could complete the first phase within six (6) weeks of commencing construction.
- 7. With all due respect, and without presuming to anticipate what the Commission's order in this matter may provide, the City respectfully requests that all reasonable steps be taken to expedite the issuance of a proposed order and final order in this matter to accommodate the exigencies faced by the City and DP Partners in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the City of Rochelle respectfully prays for the relief sought herein.

Attorney for CITY OF ROCHELLE

BY:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Alan H. Cooper, hereby certifies that on the 18th day of March, 2005, he served a copy of the foregoing instrument by depositing the copies in the United States Mail, certified-return receipt requested, postage prepaid, at Rochelle, Illinois, to the individuals named on the attached Service List in envelope plainly addressed to each of the following:

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ALAN H. COOPER, attorney for the City of Rochelle



March 17, 2005

Mr. Joe Salitros City Manager City of Rochelle 416 N. 6th Street Rochelle, Illinois 61068

RE: Signed Letter of Intent 213,620 square feet for DP Partners

Dear Joe,

The purpose of this letter is to inform the City that DP Partners has fully executed a Letter of Intent with Clark Steel Framing Systems to lease and occupy over 213,000 square feet of space in DP Partner's existing 572,375 square foot facility in the LogistiCenter at Rochelle. The delivery date for the space including having the City's rail service at the facility is set for **July 1**, **2005**.

This tenant will not accept this location without rail service.

As we are all well aware, the City extension project has not yet commenced. DP Partners cannot provide rail service to the buildings until the City rail extension project is complete. DP shall continue to weigh all the options available to us, to insure rail is to the building by July 1, 2005.

Best Regards,

Tom Brown

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Development Manager

cc: Dennis Shaw

EXHIBIT A